



# VETERANS We Salute You! Celebrating Our Neighbors





#### A Message From The President

Hello Neighbors,

October and November, like many other months, are very special months of the year! I especially like to celebrate these months because October is Breast Cancer & Domestic Violence Awareness Month and November observes Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Each of these observances brings families and friends closer together.

Whether we have personally experienced cancer, or know someone who has been newly diagnosed, in treatment for cancer, or someone who passed away, this disease has touched us all in some way. It is important that we continue to educate ourselves about breast cancer and stress the importance of regular screening, for men and women.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence and needs help today, immediate and confidential support is available 24/7 through the National **Domestic Violence** Hotline by visiting thehotline.org, or call 1-800-799-7233.

**Veterans Day** is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, to honor and express gratitude to all military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a day to recognize and thank veterans for their selfless service, sacrifice, and patriotism to the country.

This issue is dedicated to the "Heroes" and "Sheroes" past, and present, in our community, for their service to our country. To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.

We have over thirty-five neighbors who have served in all branches of the military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves and the U.S. Army National Guard. Neighborhood children and grandchildren have also served in the military. Some are featured in this issue as well.

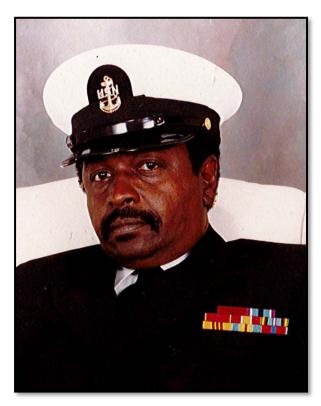
If you happen to see one of our Veterans, take time out to talk to them, thank them, and give them an opportunity to tell their stories.

Cynthia D. Miller





# WE SALUTE YOU.



Rev. David Alexander US Navy Chief Petty Officer 1960-1984

War Era: Vietnam, Cuban Crisis, Iraq Stationed: USA Naval East and West Coast;

Served on Eight (8) Sea-Going Naval Warships;

and One (1) World Tour

Commendations/Awards: Naval Defense Service, Vietnam Service, Navy Sea Service Deployment, Navy Meritorious Commendation, Navy Expeditionary, Navy Good Conduct/3 Stars, and Navy Ceremonial Service



Edgar Cage US Army 1971-1974

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: Heidelberg, Germany;

Europe, Numerous awards and commendations



Severia Baunchand US Marines 1965-1967 War Era: Vietnam Stationed: Chu Lai &

Da Nang Vietnam



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Harrison D. Collins US Army 1963-1965 War Era: After Korea

Stationed: Asia

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James E. Cross
US Army
Captain
1960-1967 (includes Active Reserves)

War Era: Vietnam

Sept 1960 Commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers Stationed: Completed Parachute Training at Fort Benning, GA; Heidelberg Germany (while Berlin Wall was being built); United States Army Europe Headquarters; Mapping and Engineering Intelligence; Commanded a map depot supervising 50 American soldiers and 20 German civilians



Amrita Cross
US Air Force
(Great Grandson of
James & Velta Cross)
Recently Joined





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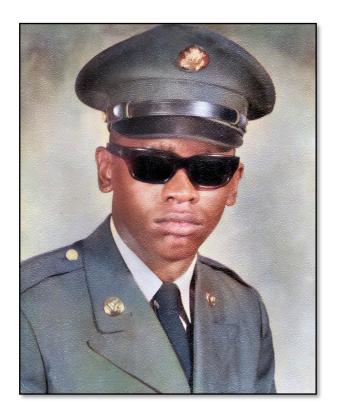


Arnold L Crump U. S. Army 1963-1966

War Era: Vietnam

Training: Maintenance Technician, Military Occupational Specialist Nike Hercules Missile - Fire Control System US Army Air Defense School

Stationed: Europe





Louis Curtis
US Army National Guard
1980-86
Stationed: Fort Dix, NJ
ARCAM (Army Reserve Component
Achievement Medal)

John L. Davis, Sr. US Army Spec 4 1969-1971

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, Paratrooper's Badge, M-14, M-16, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal



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Preston Dinkins US Army Captain 1969-1971 War Era: Vietnam

Air Defense Artillery Stationed: Ft. Bliss, TX and Saigon, Vietnam National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam, Campaign Medal w/Device 2 o/s Bars, Joint Service Commendation Medal



Silas Geralds US Army Spec 4 1967-1971

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: United States American Redstone Arsenal, AL; National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

Leroy Helire, Jr. (Priest) US Army

Years of Service: 1970-1972

War Era: Vietnam 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division,

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 327<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

Stationed: Southeast Asia

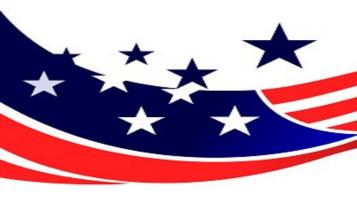
Foreign & Sea Service: 11 months National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam

Campaign Medal w/60 Device; Vietnam

Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, and

Army Commendation Medal





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Rusell Hills
US Marines
Staff Sergeant
1971-1977 (includes Active Reserves)
War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: <u>1971</u>- Marine Corps Depot, San Diego, CA; Camp Pendleton, CA;

1971- Weapons and Demolition Expert
(106 Recoilless Rifle, 3.5 Rocket Launcher, M191
Multi Shot Rocket Launcher, Flame Thrower, TNT and
Plastic Explosives, M16 Rifle and 45 Cal Pistol
1972 - Served Aboard the USS Denver (Amphibious
Transport Dock) and the USS Tripoli (Amphibious Assault
Ship) Gulf of Tonkin, Camp Schwab Okinawa

1974 - Camp McTureous, Okinawa (Graphic Illustrator)

1975 - Camp Hansen Okinawa (Evacuation of Vietnam)

Meritoriously promoted to: Staff Sergeant USMC

Reserves; Vietnam Service Medal and

Vietnam Campaign Medal



Monique Hills Baskins

2004 – Present

US Navy (Active Duty)

(daughter of Rusell & Vallory Hills)

Naval Chief Hospital Corpsman & Substance Abuse Counselor

**Currently Stationed:** Naval Medical Center /

Portsmouth, VA

War Era: Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom

<u>USS Gunston Hall (</u>2004-2006) – Boatswain <u>USS George Bush (</u>2013-2016) – Pharmaceutical Technician and Phlebotomist

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Silver Star, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Medal, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Expeditionary Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom Medal, Air Warfare Pin, Information Dominance Warfare Pin, Surface Warfare Pin



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Ronald Jackson US Army Sergeant 1963-1966

War Era: Vietnam

3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Stationed: Europe; K-Town; Germany

Expert Infantry



Joe Jenkins US Army Sergeant E-5 1966-1968

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Polk, LA; Xuan Loc, Vietnam; Fort Carson, CO, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Meritorious, Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation Badge



William H. Johnson US Army Spec 4 1970

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: Fort Hood, TX; Vietnam



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William Lacey
US Army Reserve
Private First Class
1982-1988
Stationed: Ft. Jackson, SC;

Stationed: Ft. Jackson, SC Ft. Leonard Wood, MO





Admon McCastle US Army Private First Class 1956-1958

War Era: Korea

Was accepted into OCS (Officer Candidate School) but was injured during a military Training exercise.

Stationed: Fr. Bliss, TX; Ft. Sill, OK

David J. Owens US Army 1967-1970

War Era: Vietnam Stationed: Germany



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Tasha Elbert-McClain US Army E-6, Staff Sergeant 1990-1991 & 1993-2000

War Era: Persian Gulf War-Operation Desert Shield,

**Desert Storm, Desert Farewell** 

Stationed: Southwest Asia; Panama, US Southern Command, Central America; Ft. Stewart, GA (Primary Leadership Development Course Instructor) Army Commendation Medal (2 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (3 Awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct

Medal (2 Awards), National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal /3 Bronze Service Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon w/Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Army Lapel Button, Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), Expert Rifle Badge, Master Fitness Qualified





Louis H. Briggs, III
US Coast Guard (Active Duty)
(Son of Tasha Elbert-McClain & Stepdad, Fred)

E-4 Maritime Enforcement Specialist,

3<sup>rd</sup> Class (ME3) 2019-Present

<u>Currently Stationed</u>: Maritime Security Response Team East (MSRT-E)

Previous Duty Stations: CC Cutter Escanaba; TRACEN Cape May; Chesapeake, VA

CG Sear Service Award, Good Conduct Award, CG Special Ops Service Award, CG Commandant Letter of Accommodation w/bronze star, CG Pistols Sharp Shooter, CG Rifle Sharp Shooter, Armed Forces Service Medal, CG Unit Commendation Ribbon w/O Device, National Defense Service Medal, Department Homeland Security Outstanding Unit Award



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Steve J. Noble US Army 1954-1957

War Era: Korean Stationed: Salzbury Austria

and Europe





Malcolm M. Harris US Navy

(son of Elaine Noble & Stepdad Steve Noble)

1987-1991

War Era: Desert Storm

USS Ranger Aircraft Carrier; Home Base -Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, WA



Robert Stewart US Army 1958-1982

War Era: Vietnam

Stationed: France; South Korea;

Vietnam; Fort Bliss, TX;

White Sands, NM; Hollomon, AFB; West Point, NY, Meritorious Service

Medal, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal



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Dr. L.C. Thomas US Army 1984-2008

War Era: Post Vietnam Stationed: Stateside

**Currently: Commander,** Department of Louisiana DAV and DAVA Capital City Chapter #5 Baton Rouge,

Numerous awards and commendations

Carl Watkins
US Army
Spec 4
1959-1962
Expert Shooter (M-1 Rifle, 45 Pistol)
Marksman (50 Cal Machine Gun)
Stationed: Ft. Wainwright; Fairbanks, Alaska;
Ft. Devens, MA, Army Golden Gloves Champion
(Middle and Post Middle Weight)







# THANKYOU

#### **VETERANS NOT PICTURED**

<u>US Air Force</u> Sherman Robinson Robert Square

US Navy Anthony Jones

US Army
Eric Cleary
Nathaniel Coleman
Dr. Leroy Davis
Vita Jarreau
Samuel Mitchell
Derick Rheams, Sr.
Elvin Stewart
Jesse Taylor
Donald Thomas
Robert Wilson, Jr.

#### DEAR VETERANS,

Those of us who have not served will never fully understand the sacrifices you've made both in times of peace and of war. We will never fully understand what you were required to do or how you were able to do it. We will never fully understand the depth of your scars. But what we can offer you is this:

We see you.

We recognize your humanity.

And we send you Love
that is gentle, patient and healing.
With Blessings and Gratitude,
we ask that you remember you are loved.

Thank you.

# Celebrating Our Neighbors

October Cheryl Adams Janice Brown Edgar Cage

Frederick Chappell Essie Coleman

Harrison Collins

Paul Freeman Louise Haynes

Delta Johnson

Robert Johnson William Lacey

Emma McKinley Temple

Donald & JoAnn Thomas

Tiffany Upshaw Charles Vincent Curtis Williams Eddie Young November
Deborah Anderson
Lynnell Chriss
Dr. Preston Dinkins
Juliette Fairley
Gloria Johnson
Latasha Johnson
Cassandra Jones
Bettie Knighton
Bertha Morgan
David & Diane Sewell
Betty Spland
Mable Tanner
Dolores Vincent



October
Eddie & Freda August
Rendell & Esie Brown
Eric & Barbara Cleary
Kenneth & Joyce Ellis
John & Melissa Hayes
Rev. & Mrs. Mark Litt
James & Sarah Stampley
Dr. & Mrs. L.C. Thomas
Silas & Ahlisa Wyatt

November Nathaniel & Essie Coleman Anthony & Meshon Jones